

1934 USCC Declaration – Referenced

Declaration

of the Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ
in Canada.

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the authorized delegates of the “Named Doukhobors”,
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1. We, “The Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ”, have been, are and will be members of Christ’s Church, confirmed by the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Himself and assembled by His Apostles.

Ref. Matthew Chapter 16: “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. and on this rock I will build my church

Ref: Matthew Chapter 7: Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Ref: Matthew 28: Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations

2. Members of “The Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ” essentially are of the law of God and of the faith of Jesus. The law of God is expounded in the Ten Commandments and the faith is professed thus: We believe in and profess – Jesus Christ the Son of God – Who came in the flesh and was crucified.

Ref: Exodus Ch. 20: 1 And God spoke all these words: *Ten Commandments follow*

Ref: 1 John Ch. 4: This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God

Ref: 2 John Ch. 1: 7For many deceivers have gone out into the world, refusing to confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh.

Ref: Luke Ch. 23: And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.

Ref: Isaiah Ch. 53: But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

He is our sole –
Leader, Saviour and only Hope. There is none and could
not be any other name under the heavens – through
which man ought to be saved.

Ref: Matthew Ch. 23: And you will not be called Leaders, because One is your Leader, The Messiah.

Ref: Ephesians Ch. 4: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism

Ref: John Ch. 14: Yeshua said to him, “I AM THE LIVING GOD, The Way and The Truth and The Life; no man comes to my Father but by me alone.”

Ref: Acts Ch. 4: And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

We have faith and hope through His name to attain the highest blessings. There is no higher blessing than “eternal life in unutterable joy”. This is the hope and reward in Christ Jesus and the principle aim of “The Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ”.

Ref. Acts Ch. 3: By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know has been made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through Him that has given him this complete healing in your presence.

Ref. James Ch.1: Blessed is he who patiently endures trials; for when he has stood the test, he will gain the victor's crown--even the crown of Life--which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

Ref. Matthew Ch.5: Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Ref. Titus Ch. 1: Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ in service of the faith of God’s elect and of their knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness, in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began.

Ref. John Ch. 10: I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.

Following in the footsteps of our Divine Teacher,

Ref. Matthew Ch. 23: But don't you be called 'Rabbi,' for One is your teacher, the Christ, and all of you are brothers.

Ref. John Ch.1: In the origin The Word had been existing and That Word had been existing with God and That Word was himself God.

Ref. John Ch. 1: No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is Himself God and is at the Father's side, has made Him known.

Ref. Colossians Ch. 2: See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, which are based on human tradition and the spiritual forces of the world rather than on Christ. For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity dwells in bodily form.

Ref. 2 Peter Ch. 1: His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence

we, “The Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ”
proclaim as did He: we have come into this world not to
transgress the law of God, but to fulfill it, and therefore
all idolatry and desecration we strongly renounce and
acknowledge only the law and supreme authority of God.

Ref. Matthew Ch. 5: Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the Prophets.
I have not come to abolish, but to fulfill.

Ref. Matthew Ch 24: But whenever you will see the desecrated sign of desolation
that was spoken by Daniel the Prophet, standing in the holy place, (he who reads
should consider)

Ref. 2 Corinthians Ch. 6: What agreement can exist between the temple of God and
idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them
and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be My people."

Ref. Ephesians Ch.1: God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has
made him head over all things for the benefit of the church.

We, “The Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ”, have
acknowledged and submitted ourselves to the law and
authority of God by this have liberated ourselves from
the guardianship and power established by men, because:
“we cannot serve two masters”

Ref. Matthew Ch. 10: Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also
acknowledge before my Father in heaven.

Ref. James Ch.4: Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee
from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you.

Ref. Galatians Ch.5: Stand therefore in that liberty with which The Messiah has set
us free, and do not be yoked again in a yoke of bondage.

Ref. Luke Ch.16: No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and
love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other.

and members of the “The Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ” cannot be slaves of men – having been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Ref. 1 Corinthians Ch. 7: You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men.

Ref. Ephesians Ch. 1: in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of trespasses, according to the riches of His grace

Ref. Matthew Ch. 26: This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Ref. 1 Peter Ch.1: Since you call on a Father who judges each man’s work impartially, live your lives in reverent fear during your temporary stay on earth. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life you inherited from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or spot. He was known before the foundation of the world, but was revealed in the last times for your sake.

Ref. 1 Corinthians Ch. 6: For you are bought with a great price. Glorify and bear God in your body.

Members of “The Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ” are not slaves of corruption, but are sons of the Free Spirit of Christ and declare: we ought to submit more to God than to man.

Ref. 2 Peter Ch. 2: They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves to corruption. For a man is a slave to whatever has overcome him.

Ref. John Ch. 8: So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Ref. Acts Ch. 5: But Peter and the other apostles replied, "We must obey God rather than men.

We triumphantly
declare that we do not allow any force whatever by man
over man and even more so the allowance of killing of
man or of men by a man or men under no circumstances,
causes or arguments whatsoever.

Ref. Matthew Ch. 5: You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye and tooth for tooth.
But I tell you not to resist an evil person.

But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may
be sons of your Father in heaven.

Ref. Proverbs Ch. 3: Do not envy the violent or choose any of their ways.

Ref. Titus Ch. 3: to malign no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every
consideration for all men.

Every individual, group
of individuals, parties or governments of men, and
anyone whoever they may be proclaiming their struggle
against war and its non-allowance but at the same time
agreeing and allowing to kill even one individual for the
sake of any interests whatsoever, - is a lie and a hypocrisy
and nothing but a "leaven of the Pharisees". The life of
one individual is of equal value to the lives of many
individuals. The commandment of God states: "Thou
shalt not kill".

Ref. Jude Ch. 1: What sorrow awaits them! For they follow in the footsteps of Cain,
who killed his brother. Like Balaam, they deceive people for money. And like Korah,
they perish in their rebellion.

Ref. 2 Corinthians Ch. 10: For though we live in the flesh, we do not wage war
according to the flesh. The weapons of our warfare are not the weapons of the world.

Ref. Matthew Ch.16: Jesus said to them, Watch and beware of the leaven of the
Pharisees

Ref. Matthew Ch. 23: "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you
hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices--mint, dill and cumin. But you have
neglected the more important matters of the law--justice, mercy and faithfulness.

Ref. Psalm 72: He will have compassion on the poor and needy, And the lives of the
needy he will save. He will rescue their life from oppression and violence, And their
blood will be precious in his sight

Ref. Exodus Ch. 20: Thou shalt not kill

Christ explains and warns: "No murderer shall inherit Eternal Life". War – mass slaughter is an item compiled, where the killing of one individual is allowed there the allowance of mass murder is inevitably admitted – which is war.

Ref. Matthew Ch. 5: "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.

Ref. 1 John Ch. 3: Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.

Ref. Matthew Ch. 24: Because of the multiplication of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold. But the one who perseveres to the end will be saved.

Ref. Isaiah Ch 59: For your hands are defiled with blood. For our transgressions are multiplied before You. Transgressing and denying the LORD

3. The modern world – mankind, has scattered and divided itself into countless numbers of groups – following the watch-words and programmes of the various political parties. Every political party struggles against each other not for the good and benefit of the people but for dominance over them – with all the consequences as a "diabolical incitement".

Ref. Psalm 2: Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the LORD and against his anointed, saying, "Let us break their chains," they cry, "and free ourselves from slavery to God."

Members of “The Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ” have never recognized and do not recognize any political party. They have never entered nor will they ever enter into the ranks of any political party. They have never given nor will ever give their votes during elections, thereby, are free from any responsibility before God or man for the acts of any government established of men. Members of “The Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ” essentially are above party politics – they not only gave their votes but their bodies, blood and souls to the One and Unreplaceable – Guardian of the hearts and souls of men, - the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, thereby we have attained perfect freedom by egressing from the slavery of corruption into the freedom of glory of the children of God.

Ref. Phillipians Ch. 3: Many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and their glory is in their shame. Their minds are set on earthly things.

But our citizenship is in heaven, and we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables Him to subject all things to Himself, will transform our lowly bodies to be like His glorious body.

We emphatically declare unto all:

KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE

Ref. John Ch. 8: Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

4. Members of “The Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ” accepted and are fulfilling the command of Jesus Christ: “Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar’s (meaning the governments of men); and unto God the things that are God’s”

Ref. Matthew Ch. 22: Then saith He unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

Residing in whatever state or country in this world, we triumphantly declare: going under the banner of “Toil and Peaceful Life” – everything demanded of us which is not contradictory to the law of God and to the faith of Jesus, we will accept, fulfill and execute, not through fear but by conscientious guidance.

Ref. 1 Thessalonians Ch. 4: But we urge you, brothers, to excel more and more and to aspire to live quietly, to attend to your own matters, and to work with your own hands, as we instructed you. Then you will behave properly toward outsiders, without being dependent on anyone.

Ref. 1 Peter Ch. 2: Respect everyone, and love your Christian brothers and sisters. Fear God, and respect the king.

Ref. Galatians Ch. 5: Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

Ref. Acts Ch. 23: And having looked intently at the Council, Paul said, "Men, brothers, I have lived as a citizen in all good conscience to God unto this day."

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